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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST - SMUM DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES IN NEW YORK

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1. ANTIPOV, COUNSELOR USA DIVISION OF MFA, READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO ADMIN COUNSELOR ON MAY 12, MAKING AVAILABLE RUSSIAN TEXT AS UNOFFICIAL REMINDER ("NON-PAPER"):  
BEGIN TEXT: RECENTLY, AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN CONNECTION WITH A SO CALLED "BREACH" OF CAR PARKING REGULATIONS BY SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK, INTENSIFYING THE CAMPAIGN BY SYSTEMATICALLY SUMMONING SOVIET DIPLOMATS TO COURT.  
ALL THIS IS ACCOMPANIED BY ARTICLES OF AN UNFRIENDLY CHARACTER IN THE AMERICAN PRESS AND TV, WHICH CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE EMPLOYEES OF SMUN AND ALSO ENCOURAGES ACTS OF VANDALISM TOWARDS SOVIET DIPLOMATIC CARS.  
SMUN INFORMED USUN IN NOTES ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION ABOUT THESE ACTIONS, WHICH CONTRADICT THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS AND IN PARTICULAR THE PARAGRAPHS OF ARTICLES 25,31 AND 34 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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THE ILLEGALITY OF SIMILAR ACTIONS OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES

AGAINST DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.N. IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN POINTED OUT IN RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNGA. SO, IN RESOLUTION 3320/XXIX, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSISTED THAT THE HOST COUNTRY "REEXAMINE MEASURES IN RELATION TO PARKING OF DIPLOMATIC AUTOMOBILES WITH THE GOAL OF SATISFYING THE WISHES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND ENDING THE PRACTICE OF SUMMONING DIPLOMATS TO COURT."

HOWEVER, USUN, IGNORING SMUN'S APPEALS AND THE ABOVE MENTIONED RESOLUTION OF THE UNGA, IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975 INFORMED (SMUN) ABOUT NEW MEASURES, WHICH HAVE THE AIM OF COMPLICATING THE CONDITIONS OF WORK OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND IN PARTICULAR SMUN, HAVING DECLARED THAT IN FUTURE EACH DIPLOMAT IN NEW YORK WILL RECEIVE A DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATE ONLY FOR ONE CAR AND THAT SUCH LICENSE PLATES NUMBER WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ACCUMULATED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PARKING VIOLATIONS.

THESE ACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TOWARDS THE SOVIET DIPLOMATS, WHICH CONTRADICT INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS AND THE UNGA RESOLUTIONS, CANNOT HELP BUT CAUSE ANXIETY ON THE SOVIET SIDE.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL ABOVE MENTIONED, WE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE PROPER MEASURES FOR CORRECTION OF THE SITUATION AND PROVIDE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR NORMAL ACTIVITY OF SMUN AND ITS EMPLOYEES IN NEW YORK. END TEXT

2. ADMIN COUNSELOR SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD OF COURSE TRANSMIT COMMENTS AS REQUESTED HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH STATEMENT ABOUT "ILLEGALITY" OF AMERICAN ACTIONS. FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT PARKING WAS CRITICAL PROBLEM APPARENT TO ANYONE WHO HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK, WHICH REQUIRED COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL RESIDENTS THAT CITY. IT WOULD BE SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUE LEGITIMATE EFFORTS OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO REGULARIZE AND ALLEVIATE PARKING SITUATION IN NEW YORK AS ACT INTENDED TO CREATE HOSTILITY TOWARD SOVIET OFFICIALS.

3. ANTIPOV TOOK NOTE OF FOREGOING COMMENTS AND IN FRIENDLY MANNER TURNED DISCUSSION TO ANOTHER SUBJECT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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